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Dear Mr. Wheeler,

Please see the attached letter from the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) and the Humane Society Legislative Fund (HSLF) regarding the September 10th announcement committing to significantly reduce the Environmental Protection Agency’s reliance on data from mammalian animal tests for chemical safety assessment.

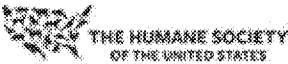
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October 10, 2019

Andrew Wheeler, Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
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THE HUMANE SOCIETY
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Sent via email (Wheeler.andrew@Epa.gov) and mail

Dear Administrator Wheeler,

On behalf of the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) and the Humane Society Legislative Fund (HSLF), we again applaud your September 10th announcement committing to significantly reduce the Environmental Protection Agency's reliance on data from mammalian animal tests for chemical safety assessment by 2025 and completely eliminate it by 2035. We laud EPA's leadership role in this area and anticipate that other federal agencies will follow your example by enhancing funding for the continued development and uptake of non-animal methods and approaches continuing the switch to humane and scientifically rigorous non-animal science.

HSUS and HSLF look forward to ongoing collaborations with EPA in support of your animal use reduction and replacement efforts. Currently, we are working with the Office of Pesticide Programs Environmental Fate and Effects Division to evaluate acute toxicity modeling as a replacement for the rat LD50 lethality test in ecological risk assessments and have had conversations with Registration Division staff regarding potential ways to reduce the use of animals for flea and tick product efficacy testing. Additionally, we are performing a retrospective analysis of the 90-day dog test and its utility in pesticide safety testing and will communicate with the agency regarding these findings. We also communicated our support to OMB for additional EPA funding, in the President's FY21 budget proposal, specifically toward the development of non-animal technologies, as increased funding will be critical to replacing animal testing.

HSUS and HSLF are very committed to onboarding the use of 21st century methods and strategies to ensure human and environmental safety while eliminating new animal testing. Please do not hesitate to let us know how we else can assist the agency in meeting its goal to replace testing on mammals.

Sincerely,

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